

III. CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (Currently Amended) Light-refracting, color-enhancing compositions ~~for applying coatings to a substrate comprising~~ consisting essentially of a mixture of (a) pelletized microparticles of rubber having a diameter up to about 150 μ and (b) transparent or translucent glass ~~[[plastic]]~~ beads having a diameter up to about 20 ~~[[70 μ]]~~ and (c) a resinous binder material which cures to form a hard, translucent, light-refracting ~~[[paint]]~~ layer.

2. (Currently Amended) A ~~[[coating]]~~ composition according to claim 1 in which the beads have a maximum diameter within the range of about 10 to 20 microns.

3. (Currently Amended) A ~~[[coating]]~~ composition according to claim 2 in which the maximum diameter is between 12 and 18 microns.

4. (Currently Amended) A ~~[[coating]]~~ composition according to claim 1 in which the beads are clear glass and have a refractive index between about 1.5 and 2.5.

5. (Currently Amended) A ~~[[coating]]~~ composition according to claim 4 in which the refractive index is between about 1.9 and 2.1.

6. (Currently Amended) A ~~[[coating]]~~ composition according to claim 4 in which the glass beads comprise a mixture of beads having different refractive indexes.

7. (Currently Amended) A [[coating]] composition according to claim 1 in which the pelletized rubber particles have a diameter [[up to]] of about [[150μ]] 120μ.

8. (Currently Amended) A [[coating]] composition according to claim 1 in which the pelletized rubber content is between about 2% and 40% by weight.

9. (Currently Amended) A [[coating]] composition according to claim 1 in which the binder material comprises a mixture of a pre-polymer having reactive sites, and a poly-functional cross-linking agent which is reactive with said sites to cure the binder material.

10. (Currently Amended) A [[coating]] composition according to claim 1 comprising a paint coating in which the resinous binder material contains a volatile solvent or vehicle which is evaporated to dry the coating below the baking temperature of the paint composition.

11. (Original) A coating composition according to claim 10 in which the volatile solvent is an organic solvent, and the coating composition has a solids content above about 60%.

12. (Original) A coating composition according to claim 10 in which the volatile vehicle is water.

13. (Original) A coating composition according to claim 1 in which the glass bead content is between about 10-20% by weight of the composition.